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SPECTACLES

Still waiting...

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Lunchtime finds another crowd at McEwen Dining Hall, due to the closing of Commons.

Hamilton rises in rankings

Tied with rival Colgate at 21st in the nation

by Katherine Beaulier '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

In the competitive world of rival education, *U.S. News and World Report* has added fuel to the fire with its annual publication of the best national liberal arts colleges in the country. Hamilton proved victorious in the polls this year, climbing one spot to be seated 21st in the nation, a tie with Colgate University.

"It's great to be recognized as a top college," said Heather Larsen '01. "Usually when you tell someone you go to Hamilton they ask where it is. But now that we are tied with Colgate, our academic standing should be clear."

Her sentiments are shared by much of the student body.

The College's strong showing in rank this year is the result of high scores in several categories developed and judged by *U.S. News and World Report*. The acceptance, graduation and retention rates, and class size are the four major factors in ranking the schools. This year Hamilton made the top twenty in all of these categories.

Tying with Colgate in terms of acceptance rates, Hamilton boasted a competitive 42%. Perhaps most impressive though, is the high graduation rate of 89%, keeping the school firmly planted in last year's number nine position and relaying a strong ability to satisfy student need. Hamilton was also honored as having less than 2% of classes with 50 students or more.

The single largest factor in determining the ranking of the colleges is a judging of academic reputation, a composite group of scores gathered by *U.S. News and World Report* from presidents and deans of admission from other schools within the same tier, in this case, National Liberal Arts Colleges. These scores account for 25% of the ranking system and are judged on a scale of 1.0 to 5.0. Hamilton received a ranking of 3.8.

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Convocation speaker addresses diversity

by Cristen Sargent '01
NEWS EDITOR

Convocation ceremonies officially kicked off the 1998-99 academic year, as first-years and returning students alike were welcomed back to the Hill Sunday night at 7:30 in Wellin Hall.

"Today we renew our enterprise in education, united in a common cause," said Dean of Faculty Bobby Fong during his welcoming remarks to an audience of students, faculty and community members.

After a call to order by College Marshall John O'Neill and invocation by Chaplain Jeff McArn, Fong spoke about how the College is changing in response to greater societal change.

This year, and in the years to come, the College is, "focusing on issues of diversity, following Clinton's push," he said. "It is a human tendency to make difference the root of inequality."

Fong spoke about the meaning of "liberal" as part of a liberal arts education, and reminded those gathered that it is their responsibility to meet what is new and different with reason, justice and humanity.

This year, first-year students and Orientation Leaders were asked to read *Coming of Age in Mississippi* before arriving on campus. The book, which is an autobiography by Ann Moody about growing up in Mississippi just before the Civil Rights Movement, was an icebreaker for discussing issues of race and equality during orientation book discussion groups.

Fong then introduced Percy Luney, Jr. '70, keynote speaker and President-elect of the National Judicial College. After graduation from Hamilton with a concentration in geology, Luney went to Africa on a Watson Fellowship in Africa and then to graduate school at Harvard University.

During his address, "The

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Commons project behind schedule

by Peter Brunette '02
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Since last May, the Soper Commons Dining Hall has been undergoing a major renovation. This renovation was supposed to be completed before classes started, but because of a series of problems the project is well behind schedule. The revised date of reopening is sometime the week of September 7, according to Art Jewett, Project Manager. After this point it can be set up for service and students should be able to begin eating in Commons on or about the fifteenth.

Upon completion the new Commons will seat 448 people, nearly one hundred fifty people more than its previous capacity. This expanded seating will be created by moving the kitchen and office facilities to improved facilities in the basement and by adding new additions. The new additions will house an elevator, a new entrance, two new restrooms, and a stair tower. In addition to expanding, the dining hall will also be improved. Carpet is being added to significant portions of the dining hall, walls are being repainted, and the serving area is being expanded into the old kitchen. A new acoustic ceiling will be added to reduce noise, and a new ventilation system will be installed.

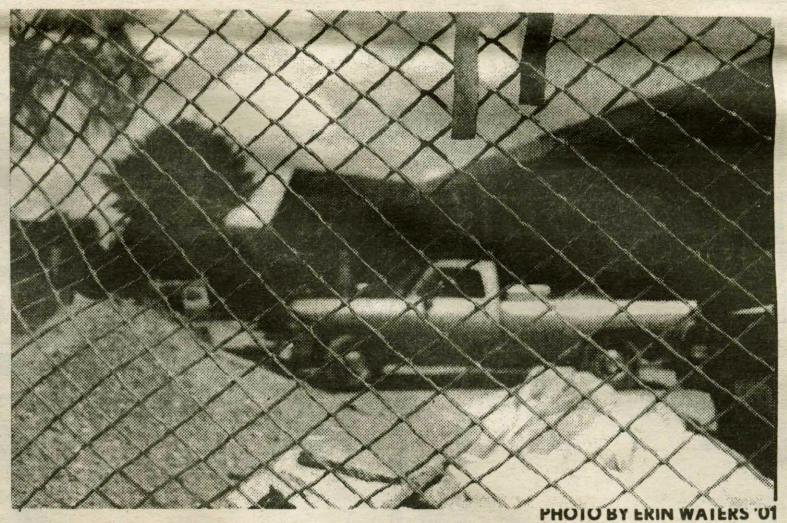

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Construction continues into the fall semester at Commons.

Because Commons serves such a large number of people, the other dining facilities have been overcrowded, putting a strain on Bon Appetit to get food served in a timely manner. In anticipation of delays Bon Appetit took several steps to lessen the problem. McEwen Dining Hall, which usually handles about one third of the traffic, is now expected to handle a larger share, and as such has increased staffing. The Little Pub has opened a buffet, serving three meals a day and expanded seating outside. There is also increased staffing at the Diner.

The problem is, as Sean Smith '01, put it is, "The Pub just can't handle as many people as Commons."

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National report gives Hamilton high marks

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No school was honored with a 5.0 rating, however the number 1-ranked Amherst did receive a 4.9.

Other relevant information in the ranking process includes faculty resources and competitiveness, SAT scores, and financial resources.

Although many people profess doubts as to the validity and importance of these rankings, *U.S. News and World Report* carries a reputation as being the most accurate and fair of all college rankings. Therefore, the College's 21st seat speaks not only highly unto itself, but is mirrored by the high academic standings of the schools around it. For the first time, Hamilton tied with Colgate University in the rankings and was placed above impressive schools such as Barnard College, Trinity University, and Connecticut College.

Hamilton's rank of 21 seats it above 141 other liberal arts colleges in the country which are considered by the report to be National Liberal Arts colleges.

Alumn returns as keynote speaker

Percy Luney '70 addresses convocation crowd

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Paradox of Diversity in American Society," Luney, an African-American who played varsity football and belonged to the Delta Upsilon fraternity, spoke at length both about his experience at the College and as a parent.

He opened his speech by speaking about difference in America, specifically in the nations' schools: "If we're ever going to succeed as a nation, it's the common interest that must be exemplified," he said. "It's really a paradox that today in the school system blacks punish blacks for interacting with whites. This is not what Martin Luther King, Jr. thought social integration would lead to."

Luney sees this paradox as extending itself to college campuses.

"I daresay there were more black students in white fraternities at Hamilton in the sixties than there are today, and that troubles me."

Luney feels the problem is part of a larger group mentality; of weak individual minds. He said his hardest job as a parent was getting my kids to understand that they have their own conscience, and to be individuals and do what is right, not what the group is doing."

He is also concerned about fragmented families and difficult home situations leading to weak child rearing, which he feels has had a strong negative impact on the whole racial integration process in America.

"We have so many paradoxes in this society," he said. "I am by no means able to propose a solution to race relations in America, I am just as confused as everyone else. But you have a great opportunity here to make amends for the mistakes that many in my generation have made. It is your generation that has got to make it work."

Dean of Students Janis Coates then awarded academic and achievement prizes and honors to some students for work completed the previous year.

President Tobin was not present at Convocation, as he was out of town for personal reasons.

PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

Bobby Fong, Dean of Faculty, introduces Percy Luney '70 at the Convocation services Sunday night.

Renovation continues

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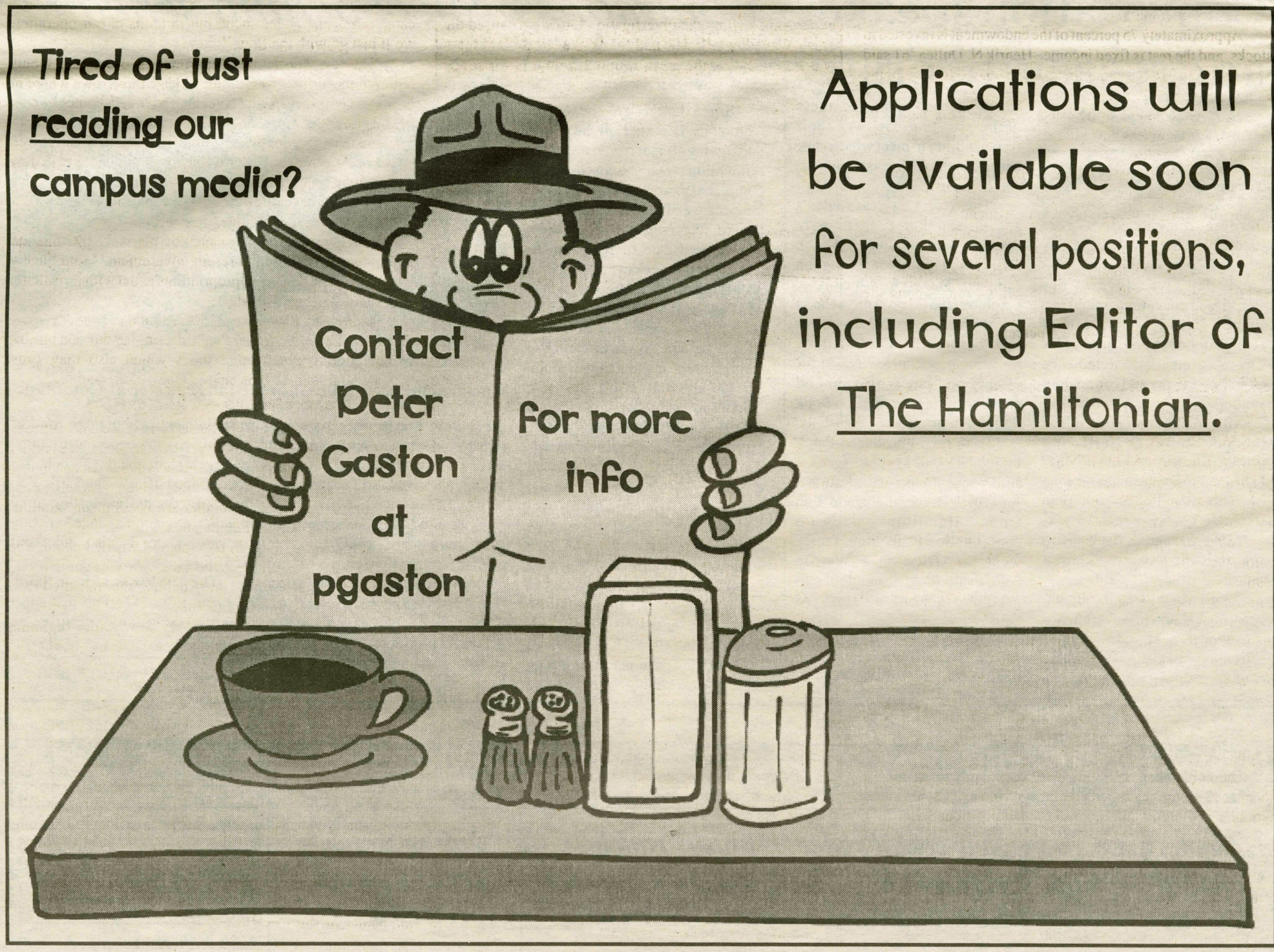
He likes what they're doing to renovate Commons, but like most students has had to wait in lines that are at times, "ridiculous."

Bon Appetit considered limiting service until the completion of Commons, but made the decision to provide full service despite the delays and chaos at peak meal times.

The contractor originally scheduled the work to be completed by August 14, allowing one week of set-back. The construction was not held back by one problem, but rather a series of problems, including overestimating the condition of the building before work started, according to Jewett. It turned out that the old serving area had structural wall problems, there were rotted floors, and the utilities on the exterior had to be moved. This forced the plans to be redrawn and a long delay to update the problems. Also, bad weather in late May and early June caused extra delays. On top of these major delays there was a series of minor delays that also caused the project to be slowed.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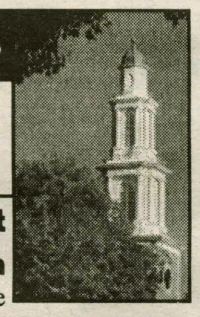


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

COMPILED BY CRISTEN SARGENT '01

SAE chapter pleads no contest to charges from '97 LSU death

(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. — The District Attorney's office has made progress in the criminal case surrounding the death of Benjamin Wynne, and Louisiana StateUniversity will benefit from the results.

Wynne died on Aug. 26, 1997 of acute alcohol poisoning after a bid night party at Murphy's Bar.

The lawyer for the suspended Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter pled no contest to 86 criminal charges against the fraternity Monday, according to Prem Burns, assistant district attorney for East Baton Rouge Parish.

Pleading no contest is the same as admitting guilt, but the plea cannot be used against SAE in a civil lawsuit, Burns said. The University will also receive $100 for each count, totaling $8,600, which will be used for alcohol awareness education, she said. SAE will also compensate the LSU and Baton Rouge police departments for half of the money spent during their criminal investigations, she said.

Almost $14,700 will be split among the two departments, compensating them for costs such as overtime pay, she said. The DA's office is asking Murphy's Bar to pay matching fines to the two police organizations.

A trial is scheduled for Nov. 4 to bring the 86 criminal charges against the bar, Burns said.

"It may seem like a lot of money, but the SAE chapter paid over $2,000 at Murphy's," she said.

Market plunge costs Cornell $50 M

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. — Monday's 500-point stock market plunge cost Cornell at least $50 million of its $2.5 billion endowment, according to University officials.

Frederick A. Rogers, senior vice president and chief financial officer, confirmed the University incurred a $50 million loss in its domestic equity portfolio (that is, American stocks) - but that no information was available about stocks invested in other markets.

Approximately 75 percent of the endowment is invested in stocks, and the rest is fixed income. Henrik N. Dullea '61 said Monday's loss is not a major threat to the overall welfare of the endowment.

"The endowment is invested over the long haul," he explained. "It's diversified and really designed to be there for decades and decades."

Although the drop in the Dow "certainly has an effect," Dullea said the endowment can endure substantial shifts because of what he termed "conservative management."

Prof. Timothy Vogelsang, economics, said uncertainties in foreign markets such as Russia and Japan triggered Monday's drop in prices. Although Monday's Dow industrials fell 512.61 points to 7,539.07, the drop did not rank among the stock market's top 10 percentage plunges.

Monday's drop yielded a 6.4 percent loss.

SU faculty, students supporting service union strike

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — It was like a return to Vietnam War protests Tuesday afternoon when approximately 50 faculty members participated in a sit-in in front of Bird Library, amid speculation that the Service Employees International Union Local 200A strike may end Friday.

"This was civil disobedience," said Linda Alcoff, an associate professor of philosophy, women's studies and political science.

Alcoff organized a faculty picket line at noon and a press conference at 1 p.m. — both at Bird — to show support for the strike that began Monday. When she and other teachers arrived at Bird, the chief of police told them they weren't allowed to stand on campus property holding strike signs or wearing sandwich boards, she said.

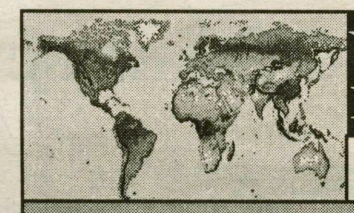
"We sat for about an hour and a half," Alcoff said. "The police found it amusing, and didn't say anything else to us, but I think we proved a point."

Union members said they were very happy to see such a display of support by faculty members. However, some union workers said they want to return to their positions soon.

"We'll probably be back at work on Friday," said Robin Light, a physical plant worker. "It was a limited duration strike to begin with. It's just a matter of if the university will let us back in."

Kevin Morrow, a university spokesman, said if the workers wanted to come back, "they would be welcomed."

WORLD NEWS



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Rescuers search for bodies, debris from Swissair disaster

PEGGY'S COVE, Nova Scotia (AP) — The 229 people aboard Swissair Flight 111 had time to prepare for the worst while the pilots struggled vainly to keep the smoking, groaning jetliner aloft long enough for an emergency landing. Some passengers had donned their life vests during the several minutes before the MD-11 jumbo jet crashed and broke apart Wednesday night in choppy seas off Nova Scotia, Swissair officials said Thursday. The plane, which carried 137 Americans, left a slick of jet fuel, floating luggage and human remains, but no survivors.

"When you saw how small the pieces of fragments were, you could tell it must have been a pretty horrific crash," said Jim Buckley, skipper of a whaling boat that joined a makeshift flotilla that fruitlessly searched for people to rescue.

Aboard the jet flown by one of the world's safest airlines were 14 crew members and 215 passengers. There were two infants, several United Nations employees and one of the foremost leaders in the global fight against AIDS, Dr. Jonathan Mann.

The Geneva-bound plane departed New York's Kennedy International Airport at 8:18 p.m. EDT Wednesday and crashed 100 minutes later.

Sixteen minutes passed between the crew's first report of smoke in the cockpit, detected while flying at 33,000 feet, and the plane's disappearance from radar scopes at about 8,000 feet, according to Roy Bears of the Canadian Transportation Safety Board. In that span, the pilot — Urs Zimmermann, 50 — dumped tons of fuel and tried to coax the plane to an emergency landing at the Halifax airport, 35 miles from the crash site.

Swissair said the plane was seven to 10 minutes away when it plunged into waters about 150 feet deep. Canadian experts are leading the investigation into what caused the crash. Canadian officials and the White House said there was no indication the crash resulted from a terrorist act. The Canadians said their intelligence services were in contact with the FBI nonetheless.

"We don't have any indication at this point what caused that tragedy," Freeh said.

Clinton calls for North Ireland peace

OMAGH, Northern Ireland (AP) — In a gymnasium hushed in grief, President Clinton consoled families torn by Northern Ireland's worst terrorist attack and declared that it was "high time to stop yesterday's nightmares from killing tomorrow's dreams."

The president also walked down bomb-shattered Market Street on Thursday and gazed at scenes of wreckage where 28 people — mostly women and children — were killed and hundreds were wounded in an Aug. 15 attack blamed on Irish Republican Army extremists trying to wreck Northern Ireland's peace agreement.

"The terror in Omagh was not the last bomb of the 'Troubles," Clinton said in a speech in Belfast to members of the legislative Assembly, born from Northern Ireland's historic Good Friday peace agreement. "It was the opening shot of a vicious attack on the peace."

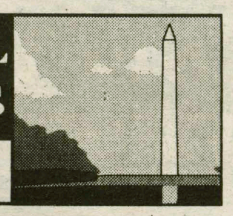
But Clinton expressed optimism that Northern Ireland had turned from its bloody past toward a hopeful future. "Do not let it slip away," he urged. "It will not come again in our lifetime."

Arriving here from a two-day Moscow visit, Clinton was greeted by friendly crowds — although not the massive turnout he encountered on his first visit three years ago. The crowd at Clinton's evening address in Armagh, another city wounded by sectarian violence, was far less than half of the 25,000 people that organizers had talked about.

Clinton said the message of the people of Northern Ireland was clear.

"It's high time that the few stop ruining the lives of the many," he said. "High time that those who hate stop bullying those who hope. High time to stop the lilt of laughter and language being drowned out by bombs and guns and sirens. High time to stop yesterday's nightmares from killing tomorrow's dreams."

NATIONAL NEWS



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Hurricane Earl hits Fla. panhandle

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Earl pushed ashore early today, lashing the Florida Panhandle with 80 mph winds and bringing heavy rain across a swath of the Southeast. At least one person was killed and three were missing.

The storm was downgraded to a tropical storm late this morning as wind speed fell below 50 mph.

A tornado ahead of the main part of the storm damaged homes and killed one person on St. Helena Island near the southern tip of South Carolina. A second person was missing there and four were injured. A second tornado northwest of Charleston, S.C., injured three.

Two fishermen were missing after two companion boats capsized 100 yards apart off Panama City when some of the windiest weather was coming ashore Wednesday night, the Coast Guard said. Four other men from the two boats were rescued with only minor injuries, one after clinging to debris for hours.

About 150 people disregarded an evacuation order and stayed on St. George Island, about 50 miles southeast of Panama City, during the storm when water temporarily washed over the only bridge to the mainland. By late morning, residents who had left were allowed to return in small groups.

A flood watch covered a wide area from Tallahassee east to Jacksonville and south to Tampa Bay, as well as parts of Georgia, Alabama and the Carolinas. Some areas also were under a tornado watch.

Flights to have 'peanut-free' seats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hold the peanuts. The government has given airlines a directive to establish "peanut-free buffer zones" when passengers with peanut allergies are onboard.

The instructions have Southern farmers boiling and their congressmen roasting Transportation Department phone lines.

"It is truly no big deal," said Ed Stewart, a spokesman for Southwest Airlines, which prides itself on low fares and gives out peanuts in lieu of meals. "Some people are upset by what came out of the government, but in terms of our operation, we'll just go with the flow."

The Transportation Department's order last month required the airlines to set aside at least three rows where no peanuts can be served whenever they have an advance request from a passenger with a medically documented peanut allergy.

Lawmakers from peanut-producing states were furious.

Republican Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama called the Transportation Department demanding an explanation, then issued a statement calling the directive "an embarrassment" to both the department and the government.

"It is overreaching, bureaucratic nonsense like this that makes people distrust and resent government," said Shelby, chairman of the Senate Appropriations panel with jurisdiction over the department's budget.

Mitch Head, a spokesman for the Southern Peanut Farmers Federation, said the ruling "unfairly singles out our product while ignoring many other foods which also may cause adverse allergic reactions among many more people."

Janet Reno shrugs off her critics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Call her a wimp if you will. Attorney General Janet Reno says she never worries about the chorus of criticism from Capitol Hill — and within her department — over her handling of campaign fund-raising investigations.

After all, she said, her mother always said you shouldn't care if the other kids call you names.

"For anybody to be in this job and worried about what people are going to think as opposed to worrying about what's right — that's when you get into trouble," the embattled Reno said at her weekly press conference.

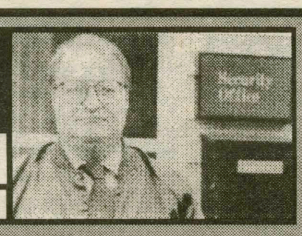
"My mother used to tell me, 'My dear, you're beginning to worry too much about what people will think of you and not about what you are doing,'" the attorney general said.

Reno for months has been at the center of arguments over how to investigate the way the Democratic Party, including her boss, President Clinton, raised money for the presidential campaign two years ago.

Republicans are howling for a wider investigation of alleged campaign abuses, and they are accusing Reno of knuckling under to political pressure by declining so far to seek an independent counsel for such a broad inquiry. Through it all, the blunt-spoken onetime Dade County, Fla., prosecutor has had one response: She'll do it her way.

"I've got to call it like I see it," she said in her session with Justice Department reporters Thursday. "And if people call me names or say I'm a wimp or whatever. as I've told you before, I'm not in this business for popularity."

SECURITY blotter



Compiled By Scott Von Duhn '01

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Time Unknown: A student reported a bicycle missing. It was last seen August 22.
12:30 a.m.: The entrance gate to the reservoir was damaged. The suspect, not a Hamilton student, was charged with criminal mischief by the county.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 a.m.: A resident of Keehn residence hall reported a missing bike to the Kirkland police department.
10:00 a.m.: A resident of Major Hall reported tires and shock absorbers missing from a bicycle.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

3:30 a.m.: A non-student was arrested and charged with attempted bike theft from Major.
9:55 a.m.: Resident of Major reported a bike stolen. It was recovered in an off-campus location from the person arrested that morning.
11:46 p.m.: Complaints recieved that two male students were urinating from the roof of Dunham Residence Hall. They were not identified and left before security arrived.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

5:00 a.m.: Howard Diner cook reported damage to a rear window of the Diner. Nothing was found missing.
10:00 a.m.: A Hamilton College employee reported a large chair and large coffee table missing from the Bristol Campus Center lounge.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:50 a.m.: A large window in Dunham lounge was found damaged. There are no suspects or witnesses at the time.

HAVOC fair set for next Tuesday

Student-run organization dedicated to helping others

by Lindy Roath '02
NEWS STAFF WRITER

In a society plagued by apathy toward the poor and disgusted with welfare it is often hard to find individuals who are willing to give of themselves to others.

Wreaking HAVOC on apathy is the purpose of the Hamilton Action Volunteer Outreach Coalition, and its boisterous three hundred plus members proves the success of this goal.

HAVOC gives Hamilton students and staff an opportunity to get off the Hill and into the Utica area to make a difference.

Individuals interested in participating in volunteer programs can check out the variety of projects that will be offered at the HAVOC Open House in the Events Barn, Tuesday, September 8, from 6:30-9:00.

There will be representatives from each of HAVOC's projects and people can wander around the Barn looking for projects that are of personal interest.

Co-Director Sarah Knapp '99 encourages anyone to join HAVOC.

"I think the most rewarding part of being involved in HAVOC is the look of happiness and appreciation in the eyes of men, women and children whom we help."

Students, faculty, staff and administration, along with any other interested individuals are all welcomed and encouraged to participate in activities.

HAVOC volunteer programs range vastly, making it easy for anyone to find a project to get involved with.

Some of this year's projects include: tutoring programs, working in soup kitchens, Habitat for Humanity projects, visiting at a nursing home, opportunities to work with people living with AIDS, an adult literacy program, and a project working with adults who have developmental disabilities. There are "many other exciting projects in which members of the Hamilton community can make a difference in other people's lives," said Knapp.

For people who can't make weekly commitments there are special monthly projects.

These projects include an Ox-Fam fast, a children's Holiday show featuring Danny McCarthy, a giving tree, Make A Difference Day, a daffodil sale and many other opportunities for volunteering.

HAVOC volunteers also have the rare opportunity of participating in an alternative spring break working with Habitat for Humanity in other states.

Nat Warner '00, participated in an alternative spring break program through HAVOC.

"It really changed the way I think about things, and made me remember the things that I wanted to change. I came home with a lot of new ideas and goals."

Alternative spring break gives students the opportunity to volunteer in other areas, but it also gives insight into the lives and culture of the individuals in the community being served.

An added bonus is that ASB is usually located in a warm climate area so volunteers can defrost after the cold Clinton winter.

HAVOC was first founded in 1988 by students who felt that they should be giving more back to the community. It is now one of the largest student-run organizations on campus.

"We are so isolated on the Hill that we rarely realize the real needs of the people in the community and we need to recognize this by giving back to them," said Knapp.

Record annual giving reaches $20 M

Press Release

Led by a record $3,378,000 in unrestricted giving to the Annual Fund, Hamilton College recorded the second best fund-raising year in its history for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998.

Total contributions to the college for the 1997-98 year reached $19,859,000. When combined with the record 1996-97 year totals, $43.1 million was given to the college over the past 24 months.

"Hamilton could not acheive such extraordinary levels of support without the passion and commitment that so many alumni and friends feel toward this college," said President Eugene M. Tobin. "Our faculty and students benefit directly from this support, and they are deeply appreciative."

The recently completed fiscal year marked the seventh consecutive year that unrestricted giving to the College set a record, and for the fifth straight year the participation rate for the Senior Gift topped 90 percent. All totaled, 53.8 percent of all Hamilton alumni supported their alma mater, a figure that places the college among the top 10 nationally in terms of alumni support.

"People support causes they believe in," said Tobin. "We are extraordinarily grateful to the commitment and generosity that Hamilton's alumni, parents and friends have shown again this year."

Tobin said the college is especially pleased with the alumni's support of the Annual Fund, since these gifts are used immediately by the college to fund scholarships, student research projects, presentations by guest speakers, and attendance by faculty at professional conferences.

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Panorama

Hamilton's Student Operated Television Show

If you missed Wednesday's informational meeting, but would still like to get involved, email dgaynes or mmaslyn.

Calendar

LECTURES

Wednesday: Professor Doran Larson, a creative writing instructor and the newest member of the HamiltonCollege English Department, will be reading fictional pieces on September 9, at 8 pm in the Events Barn. This night of fine literature is sponsored by Larson's fellow English professor, Edward Wheatley.

Thursday: Byllye Avery will give a lecture on September 10 at 8 pm in the Chapel. This lecture is sponsored by the Kirkland Project.

FILM

Friday: The Kirkland Foreign and Fine Film Society is sponsoring a showing of the exciting disaster film, *Deep Impact,* September 4 at 7:30 pm in the KJ Auditorium (KJ room 144).

Saturday: *Deep Impact* will be shown again on September 5 at 10 pm in the KJ Auditorium. Again, it is sponsored by the Kirkland Foreign and Fine Film Society.

ARTS

Friday: Always a crowd-pleaser, the funky, jazzy, hip-hop band *Belizbeha* will be performing on September 4 at 9 pm in the Events Barn. This event is free and guaranteed to be a great time!

CHECK IT OUT

Friday: Attention Hamilton women! The Basset Mobile Mammography Van will be stationed at Bristol, in both the Penney Room and Dwight Lounge, beginning at 10 am. This informative event is sponsored by the Kirkland Project.

Tuesday: The Chinese table will be held in the Azel Backus House on September 8 at 5:30 pm. This informal dinner provides an opportunity for interested students to interact with faculty in the department and is co-sponsored by the East Asian Languages and the Dean of Students.

Tuesday: HAVOC is sponsoring an Open House in the Events Barn, September 8 from 6:30-9:00 pm. Don't miss this great opportunity to get involved in the community!

FULL WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE http://www.hamilton.edu/

MOVIES

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 4 - 10

SANGERTOWN • 797-2121

Knock Off	*7:05, 9:30*	*Armageddon*	*6:30, 9:35*
Blade	*6:45, 9:45*	*The Parent Trap*	*7:00*
Something About Mary	*6:35, 9:20*	*Ever After*	*6:40, 9:25*
Saving Private Ryan	*7:15, 9:40*	*Why Do Fools*	
Snake Eyes	*6:55, 9:15*	*Fall In Love*	*12:35(pm)*

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Freshmen learn to be civilized

by Amy Kopriva '02
FEATURES WRITER

On August 27, 1998 freshman matriculation became more than signing your name in a book and shaking the hands of three very important people. Pioneering what may become a new tradition at Hamilton, the Class of 2002 was the first to recieve of a new book distributed on the annual occasion. In addition to the pamphlet which discusses the history of the College and more specifically the Kirkland Cottage, the Class received a little red book entitled *George Washington's Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation*. The book is composed of 110 brief, sometimes witty, and frequently frank descriptions of the United State's first President's suggestions of appropriate social conduct. Also included in the book is a brief letter from President Eugene M. Tobin to the community explaining how the book relates to the intentions of a liberal arts community and states the President's hope that "this small book inspires you to treat everyone with kindness, decency, respect, and graciousness."

Written by Washington at the age of 14, our first President discusses issues ranging from what to do when one feels a sneeze or a yawn coming on to the proper way to dress, speak, and show respect to elders and superiors.

The idea of distributing a book to students was inspired by the independent suggestions of a Parent Council member and an alumnus last spring. President Tobin liked the idea and proceeded to investigate two versions of the book, which had the same content but different publishers. As Tobin reported to a Utica newspaper that recently interviewed him about the book distribution, (accompanied by a slight smirk) "I would have preferred that it was written by Alexander Hamilton." However, Tobin was pleased that "His (Washington's) book displayed an awareness of character differences that are unusual in any generation." President Tobin decided in June 1998 to choose this book because of "its ability to convey a message in a lighthearted fashion that these issues are worth thinking about." Therefore, this version was chosen and Tobin made the decision to distribute it during the matriculation of this fall's incoming class.

Almost everyone would agree that distributing the book was a nice gesture, and likewise almost everyone was curious as to the motivations behind its distribution. He explained, "The distribution was not precipitated by any specific incident in the past, but rather by a few examples of intolerable behavior in the last couple of years that emphasized the need to help students realize the importance of treating each other with respect." Tobin cites the book as a "symbol that Hamilton considers civility to be very important. It reminds us that we all need to be aware of each other's sensitivities."

Many freshman were surprised at the President's choice to distribute a book that was written during the eighteenth century rather than a more current one that deals with these same issues. Commented Raymond Ash '02, "The book belongs back when it was introduced - in the eighteenth century. It was a nice gesture, but it was a bit misguided."

According to Deirdre Kirby '02,"It's completely unrealistic for students to attempt to take the book seriously." Some students even seemed threatened by the distribution of this book. Inquired Paul Kendall '02,"What are they trying to make us into?"

In contrast to the views of the student community, President Tobin believes that "the purpose of the book when it was published is the same one it has today and it does have some relevance to our lives today. The message is enduring whether it was written in the eighteenth or twentieth century. It is a tongue-in-cheek reminder that certain values are enduring: respect, graciousness, generous spirit, and human decency. We all need to know how to disagree with one another. Differences of opinion are healthy. Different ideas are a means by which we can learn to disagree respectfully."

In regard to Tobin's aspirations for the book's impact on the community he commented, "I hope that it will be well received both for the humor that it conveys and the great deal that can be learned from it, such as being patient and listening with empathy."

The question remains as to whether any book will be distributed at future matriculations. At this point,President Tobin remains undecided.

New social space erected
Pavilion to be new hot spot

by Stephen Mickle '00
FEATURES WRITER

Years ago, the Hamilton College Physical Plant would deliver various barrels and barbecuing accessories to dormitories for campus wide barbecues. While the students were content to float out of their living spaces to eat burgers and socialize, Physical Plant suffered. For nine years now, the present assistant director of the Physical Plant, Terry Hawkridge, has envisioned some plan to provide adequate and readily accessible grounds for communal and/or private group grillouts without the impediments of inclement weather, rusted, ruined tables and chairs, and the arduous task of grill delivery to each dormitory. The second week in August this dream came true as the College was granted zoning permits for what will perhaps be known casually as the barbecue pavilion.

Late this summer, construction began on the 32 by 64 foot pavilion located where the paddle tennis courts had been located on the north end of the Kirkland field behind Babbitt and Milbank. The pavilion is a pole-barn type structure with incandescent lights under the roof and flood lights outside.

The grill pavilion will soon include one or two beach volleyball courts, twenty picnic tables, and, if the student backing is strong enough pro horseshoe pits. The full grilling components which will be installed in the pavilion will be run by Bon Appetit, which will need to be contacted by whichever group has booked the site for a party. Hawkridge has stated that the structure"actually mirrors the pavilion located in the Kirkland town park both in design and in its potential uses."

There are no doubt many questions regarding campus use which will be answered this coming Monday by Jan Coates, Dean of Students and the Committee on Student Activities. Hawkridge has said that the preliminary discussion about the need for such a campus location was 100% positive, and led to immediate construction with full support from every faction on campus.

Student input towards the shaping of the grilling pavilion as well as its scheduling rules and party guidelines is welcomed and may be directed to Beverly Low of Residential Life. The pavilion looks great, and hopefully the campus will find a way to make good use of such a solid location which is designed to host activities which are appealing to any individual here at Hamilton.

The pavilion is very accessible as far as parking is concerned. In addition, as many know, the landscape and views from that side of campus are particularly pretty. There is just one drawback: restroom facilities were not included in the construction of the great pavilion.

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Occasional Ramblings

Fasting with your mind

College is where you learn how to be a true expert at laziness. When we are children, we have lots of hyperactive energy to burn off. That energy usually gets directed into athletics or other supervised activities during high school. At college, we learn to indulge ourselves in every form of sloth known to mankind. Everything that is popular at college is a method of avoiding work.

First of all, everyone in college is here because they don't wish to resign themselves to a life of manual repetetive labor. Some of us might have future plans that involve more stimulating settings than office buildings. However, we all have chosen to live and study here in an overly comfortable setting, rather than in a stone hut in the Himalayas.

Aside from the general laziness of life at Hamilton, students find many ways to avoid the few tasks they have. Smoking cigarettes, for example, is a means to take a break from doing any sort of work. People start to feel like they deserve a cigarette every time they do so much as wake up, and then end up feeling like they need a cigarette all the time so that they don't feel like lazy slobs when they're just sitting there. When they don't have butts in their mouths, students spend a lot of time talking to each other, thinking that developing their social skills is as important as working. Although that is true, if your most important accomplishment of every day is a conversation, you need to start using the part of your head that doesn't open.

It's rare when you can get a student to actually admit to his or her own lack of motivation- although in many cases, laziness is a badge of honor to be worn. Students brag about the fact that they're out partying despite the certainty that a test will come the next day. We're all hoping that if we procrastinate enough and kill enough brain cells, we will achieve some ultimate form of inner peace.

Some students try to achieve their personal nirvana through sheer physical laziness. Laziness lets you fast for extended periods of time because you won't walk to the dining hall. It also brings you closer to the contentment of an empty mind, since you won't make the effort to feed that, either.

Some hope that just by driving from Dunham to Beinecke whenver they need to check their mail, they will separate themselves from existence in the discouraging physical world of human motion. Others go so far as to decry the effort they must put into making their way to the bathroom from their places of rest. If you notice your friends putting litter boxes in the corner of their room, and they don't have cats, you will know that they have achieved the peace of mind that comes with the innocence of being a baby, almost-that stems from having to barely move to relieve yourself by releasing waste. The college store could make a killing selling diapers for those long nights on the couch.

Ignorance is bliss, but you can only achieve ignorance through laziness. Only by becoming totally unaware of the physical world about you can you become blissfully ignorant. It seems that the two cornerstones of our school, education and laziness, are at odds. Maybe we need some sort of orientation for all students that involves doing as little as you possibly can for an entire week. Those students who managed to actually stop breathing for at least a half hour during the week, while still remaining alive, would receive a quarter course credit.

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Leaving the zone behind

The scene: a peaceful village in upstate New York. As the warm summer breezes lap at the full foliage of weather-worn trees, a loud thunder is heard in the distance. The din intensifies and a glowing, gleaming object is spotted on the horizon. As the vision moves closer to the tiny village, a slow-moving snake of metal, glass and chrome reveals itself. The snake tightens it's grasp on the village, and on the Hill at its heart. Finally, the serpentine line of over-packed automobiles slithers up the steep hill, all with a common destination, Hamilton College.

Travel-weary students and parents emerge from their vehicles and the invasion begins. This marks a time of new beginnings for first-years and returning students alike. Beyond the clean notebooks and freshly sharpened pencils it is a time to set priorities for the coming semester. Students make many resolutions: to complete all assignments in a timely fashion, to work out at least once a week, or to join new activities.

But then reality rears its ugly head. The common upperclassman is bogged down by pages upon pages of reading, which makes the Pub look that much more enticing. Suddenly the fitness center seems too far away and they realize that the activity meetings would interrupt their weekly dose of Must See TV. Simply, students fall back to what they know, fall back to what feels comfortable.

Meanwhile, first-years, having been thoroughly inundated with tons of diversity training, are eager to go out and tackle all of those resolutions that the upperclass student lets slide past so easily. First-years are anxious to meet new people and to try new things in an attempt to find their niche in this brave new world. New students are forced to engage themselves, they have no comfort zone here.

Unfortunately most upperclassmen are deeply entrenched in their own social comfort zones. For returning students there is no pressing need to meet new people - why bother when you're part of an already firmly established clique?

Think about it. Cliques are keeping you from exploring all parts of yourself. Certain friends bring out certain sides in you, and hanging out with different groups of people will give you a better understanding of the various facets of your own personality. People generally don't gravitate toward certain cliques to segregate themselves for malicious reasons, but rather because they find a group, feel comfortable, and become content. But what about variety? And, yes, even the "D" word - diversity. Diversity does not necessarily refer to issues of race or social class. Diversity can also be about just meeting new people or trying new things.

While first-years are forced to actively seek out new experiences, upperclassmen have the luxury of an established comfort zone. Don't let new things or new people intimidate you. In this time of new beginnings choose to step out of your comfort zone, you just might like it.

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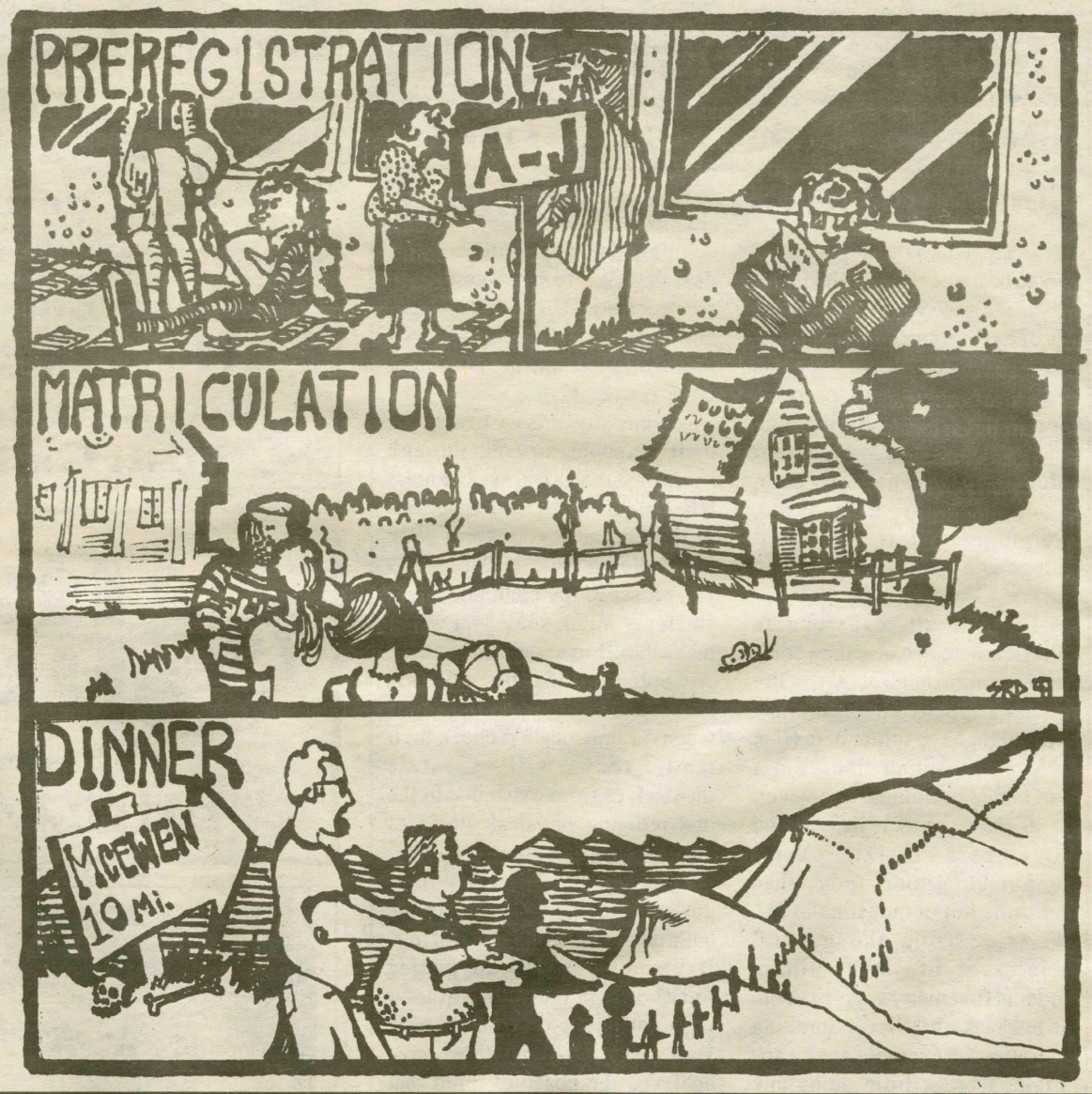

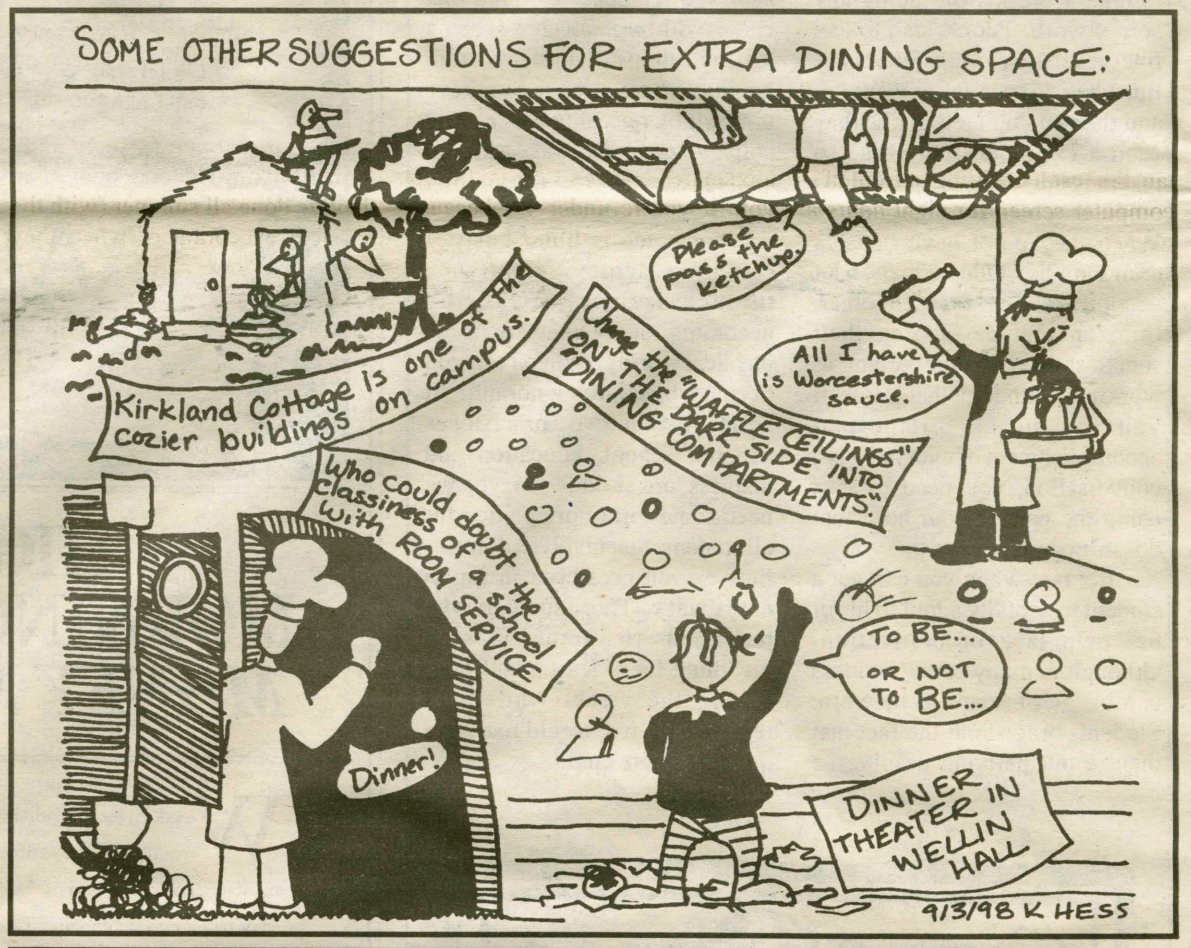
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Third choice classes; stop-gap sceduling solutions; wasted money'

One of the few things that all Hamilton College Students share is a disdain towards the registration process. Creating a schedule at Hamilton is a procedure that is at best a complete pain and at worst a complete nightmare.

Registration for this semester stands out as one of the worst in recent memeory. This is due, in large part, to the shortage of classes and high number of professors on sabatical. Sadly, for people who fared the worst in the spring, the nightmare continues into the fall.

The Hamilton College Course Schedule Booklet lists the number of seats remaining in each class. For those of us trying to add a class this information is obviosly important. Unfortunately, the information is, in many cases, erroneous. For example, a class that was listed as having thirteen open seats, in fact had one. These subtle differences, coupled with the overall lack of classes, criple any attempts to add a class that might be enjoyable or of interest.

Oh well, I guess we can round out our schedules with another class that fits into the right time slot. It seems like a lot of wasted money for third choice classes and stop-gap scheduling solutions. We should all be glad that we decided to come to a small liberal arts school that sells itself on things like ease of registration and low student:teacher ratio.

Ian Dumain '99

The Holy War begins; danger becomes 'undeniably real'

KRYSTYN SCHMERBECK

KNOCKING ON THE FRONT DOOR

It is a warm, sunny weekday in early August. You travel to your job ready to put in a good day's work. You are sitting at your desk when suddenly, the floor is sucked out from underneath you. You feel yourself falling and all you can hear is the deafening sound of destruction. Then, nothing. Everything is black. This scene is not an unfamiliar one. Two hundred fifty-seven Africans experienced this horror during the last seconds of their lives on a fateful day just one month ago.

The bombings in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam were not accidents. These bombings were deliberately planned – the Liberation Army of Islamic Shrines claimed responsibilty for these atrocities. Imagine how demented a person or a group of people must be in order to commit such a crime. The fact that these terrorists also openly admitted their involvement uncovers the reality that the United States is dealing with a very dangerous group of people. The response of our sophisticated and intelligent government was to bomb sites in "enemy territory." Does the government realize its possibly fatal mistake? If these bombings in Africa by the Fundamentalists were unprovoked, what kind of action will they take with the provocation our government has provided?

The Islamic Fundamentalist movement has flourished in the past two decades. Osama bin Laden, a Saudi millionaire, has emerged as one of the heads of the Fundamentalist movement. His philosophy regarding the current situation is best summarized by his own words, "the world is simply a struggle between a righteous Islam and a doomed West." Another Islamic group, the Organization of Islamic Conference, has set forth a goal which includes "ridding the world of Judaism and Christianity and to create an Islamic Africa by the year 2000."

Much of the Islamic community has shown their support for these ideals through demonstrations in many Middle Eastern and Asian countries condeming the recent air raids by the United States on sites in Sudan and Afghanistan. Some of these demonstrations have included stoning Christians, rioting, burning churches, and an increase in the number of mosques and Islamic conversion fairs throughout the affected region.

Why should we care about events that occur in these far away places? Most people can see, especially in the technological era that we are experiencing, that these places are not as far away as they used to be. Our government has already chosen to act on our behalf. They decided to fight fire with fire. When will the blaze end – when there is no one left to feel the flames, when hate is something that no longer exists, when the Earth is nothing but a ball of gaseous waste – WHEN?

War is knocking at the front door and we have no choice but to answer. However we can choose our response carefully. These Fundamentalists, out of hatred for Americans, Christians and Jews, chose to kill 257 people and to forever affect the lives of the survivors.

Our next action should have been to seek justice for the dead, not to add to their numbers. By bombing Islamic sites and killing their people how are we any better or more righteous than the Fundamentalists? Fight the hatred by rising above it, not sinking to its level. Choose life for all, not destruction for the entire human race.

The bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Nairobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania were the genesis of a war. Whether or not this newborn war is fed enough hate and revenge to grow and infiltrate our lives is up to us. We, the citizens of the United States must take a stand, to stop the bloodshed before we no longer have the right or ability to do so. Our rights have already been infringed upon. We can no longer travel freely and without fear on the airlines. We have not received assurance that the Fundamentalists are unable to penetrate the securities in place to protect us from retaliation. We can no longer ignore this problem. If relations with the Islamic Fundamentalist Communities around the world are not improved, the threat of danger in our lives will become undeniably real.

Disorienting decisions

BEN ZOLL

THEY CALLED HIM

I feel obligated to welcome everyone back and ask how their summer was, even if I don't care much. It's so hard to break out of such routines at this point though, so I go with the flow. Personally, I spent all summer on campus. Isn't that fun and tropical? The best part is my dull yellowish tan, the result of sitting in front of a computer screen for eight hours a day. Now you know that someone's summer actually beat yours out for most boredom suffered in a three month period.

But summer vacation is so essential to our survival, isn't it? What would we do if we had class in CJ in July? I doubt they'd put Air Conditioning in. Most of the professors live without it, so why should the students be so privileged? Granted, we pay to be here while Hamilton pays our professors to stay (in wampum). We would see a lot more shorts, a lot more frisbee being played on Minor Field, a lot more people outside in general. Students would be in better moods in the summer. Until they remember that they USED to have all of this time to themselves, when they spent it productively working in a mall, eating junk food, and drinking by themselves.

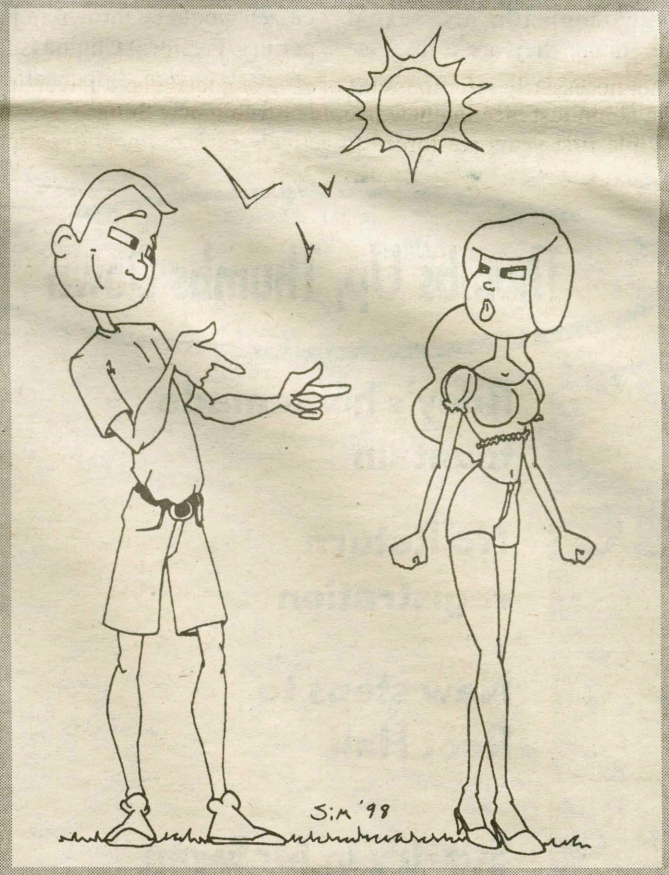
It wouldn't be that hard for the U.S. government to decide that our kids aren't smarter than the Germans or Japanese because those kids don't have summer vacation, and then decide to get rid of summer vacation in general. Parents aren't going to complain: "Mr. President, how are you responding to the criticism that our kids are getting too smart?" That's why you can't vote if you're under 18, because you'd get rid of all those pushing for continuous school. Plus, kids would be more likely to vote for people who would help them out. Instead of spending 800 million dollars on a bomber jet to destroy chemical factories in Sudan we could increase funding for schools. This would not only make our kids smarter, but it would also allow us to respect International Law and order: "Uh, Mr. President, the public disapproves your decision to follow International Law by using diplomatic means to reach a peaceful solution. Frankly sir, we might be better off bombing another baby-food plant and claiming that it's a weapons facility." Hell, no one knows how baby food is made anyway, so how can they argue?

Summer vacation, it's a source of war and international dispute. Actually, in theory, it might not be such a bad idea to get rid of it. As it is now, during the first week of classes rust can literally be seen falling out of student's ears as the gears of their brain struggle to do more thinking in one hour than they've done all summer (with the possible exception of when they watched *Jeopardy*). Entire foreign languages get forgotten over a summer period, unless you were like me and watched the World Cup on the Spanish channel. My Spanish vocabulary has increased to "bueno", "Roberto Carlos", "falta", and "goooool." Of course I don't take Spanish, so that won't do me much good in my "Classics of Chinese Literature" class.

So maybe getting rid of summer vacation isn't such a bad idea. It wouldmean smarter kids and less TV. I'm just happy that they waited for me to enjoy all of mine, because they'd have to pry my summer vacation out of my cold dead fingers. Maybe when I get old, I can say "When I was your age, we had a three month vacation from June to August," and my grandkids can respond, "What's a vacation, Grandpa Benny?"

THE LEADING BRAND by Brandon Sim '99

I can't wait to get the new Face Book!



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PRO CON

Should President Clinton be impeached?

MATT DUBNO
PRO

Impeachment is generally defined as the legal maneuvers which decide whether a high-level government official, usually a president, should be removed from office. It is not, as any high school civics teacher will tell you, the actual removal from office. Only one American President, Andrew Jackson, has actually been impeached,but was acquitted by one vote. Richard Nixon rightly resigned rather than face impeachment and subject the country to certain political turmoil. And now, twenty-five years after the Watergate scandal, America is blowing (no pun intended) the dust off of the impeachment process for our lying, deceitful President, Bill Clinton.

Contrary to popular belief, the President would not face impeachment for his sexual indiscretions; they are a disgrace unto themselves. Prosecutor Kenneth Starr would recommend that Congress impeach Clinton for perjury, which, as we all know, is lying under oath. In his testimony to the grand jury in the Paula Jones case, Clinton vehemently denied ever having ANY relations, sexual or even casual, with Monica "The Face That Sank A Thousand Ships" Lewinsky.

In last month's testimony to the Lewinsky grand jury, he changed his tune. Although the general public doesn't know exactly what President Clinton admitted to in his disgracefully arrogant speech to the nation on August 17th, he said, for all intents and purposes, that he had engaged in a sexual relationship with Lewinsky. Telling one grand jury one story under oath and then changing your tune the next time you testify is perjury. Any ordinary citizen would be thrown in jail for perjury. President Clinton isn't any ordinary citizen. Impeaching him is a LENIENT penalty. Throwing him out of office, while still a slap on the wrist as far as the American penal system is concerned, won't realistically occur. Mr. Starr must nevertheless carry out due process in this case. He must recommend impeachment to a Congress that, by and large, no longer has faith in the Executive Branch.

Realistically, Clinton should resign. Clinton has proven himself to be the lowest of the low, a man who cheated on his wife on numerous occasions and lied about it. He lied not only to his family, but to the entire world in a revolting display of pomposity when he shook his finger at the nation as if we were misbehaving children and said that he "did not have sex with that woman." He then had the chutzpah to then tell us that, yeah, he did have an inappropriate relationship (he can't even bear to say that they had SEX!) and expect us to swallow it (again, no pun intended).

But we are dealing with an egotist here. President Clinton will not bring himself to accept his legal fate for his transgressions. He told us on August 17th that he will be punishing himself for his lies, by having to face his family. This is not good enough. This lying, cheating man, the President who we trust to lead 270 million people, must face the consequences. Our collective fate cannot be in the hands of someone who cannot tell the truth. The time has come to stop running away from the right thing to do. It is time for the United States Congress to tell the nation through impeachment that the President must be of the utmost moral character. Our President lied once, and who knows how many other times. He must be held accountable for his actions.

CHRIS PHILIPSEN
CON

Predictably, the question of impeaching President Bill Clinton for his personal mistakes has entered the public realm. I, along with everyone else in the United States have been asked, "Should Clinton be impeached?" No! Of course he shouldn't be removed from office. Clinton has done nothing to stop the wheels of the country from turning. The media has introduced Clinton's personal life to the public, but it has done so at a rate that probably outgunned media coverage of Desert Storm. How many times have you heard someone say, "I am tired of seeing this Clinton-sex thing!" And Republican House Majority Whip Tom DeLay (TX) is calling for Clinton's resignation due to "public opinion"?

The fact of the matter is that Bill Clinton should not have to go in front of Congress and endure an impeachment trial for the mistakes he made in his personal life. Clinton admittedly had a lapse in moral judgment as President. So what? That is an issue that he and his family need to address; they do not need the rest of the nation to address it for them. As for the issue of setting a proper example for his fellow Americans, Clinton should not worry: just ask former presidents John F. Kennedy and Franklin D. Roosevelt, each of whom had at least one known mistress. The media did not seem to care about their personal shortcomings.

From another country's point of view, the United States must seem like a national circus. Clinton's relationship with Lewinsky seems to take precedent over any other more pertinent news, and of course the main front of this circus is set forth by the media. If Clinton's personal life is the chief news topic, what is anyone to think but that the United States is a big joke? If nine out of ten stories on Boris Yeltsin are concerned with his ailing health, doesn't that make Russia out to be as weak as its leader? The U.S. certainly is not any weaker because of Clinton's personal problems so why should we be made to look foolish?

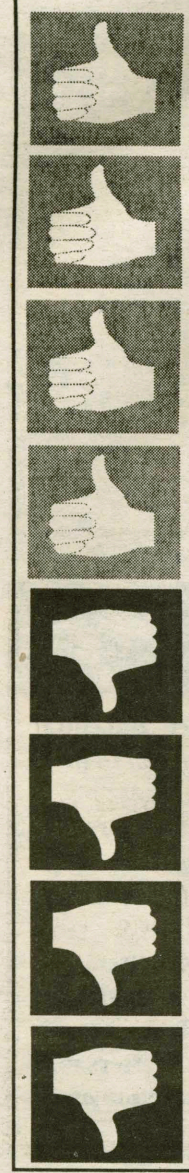
The media blitz has begun to effect other important bases of American life as well, such as last week's minor stock market collapse, which unquestionably was spurred by the media's portrayal of the presidency's "recent instability." This is ridiculous that Clinton has persevered in the last two weeks and done better than expected at what he was elected to do: lead the country. Which brings to mind another point: why, if "so many" people are calling for an impeachment trial or his resignation, did the country vote Clinton into office for a second term, in light of Whitewater and the always present campaign funding scandals? In fact, the Paula Jones case, yet another accusation of improper sexual relations, was in the media even before the election of '96. One has to wonder if there would be any news without the President's little scandals.

It is easy to forget the ramifications that Clinton already faces. He has lied to his family and the nation about his affair with Monica Lewinsky. However, because he tried to cover up a personal issue, Republicans want to treat him as if he lied about national security.

Now, Republican leaders as well as a few Democrat incendiaries from across the United States have had the closed -minded urge to ask, as Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS) has: "Can he [Clinton] provide leadership without the necessary respect and with the problems that he has? Will he, can he, provide leadership at a very critical time, internationally and domestically?"

Of course he will be able to, as he has already shown in taking the lead to put a stop to the terrorism American embassies are experiencing in Africa, and as he has shown by not allowing the accusations keep him from doing a solid job in office. After all, has Clinton not done a successful job? Has this country not experienced the greatest bull market in history as well as the lowest unemployment rate in decades? Is that not all due to the high morale of the country, and is that morale not a reflection of the presidency? I believe Bill Clinton has been successful for six years, and he deserves to be successful for at least what we, the citizens of the United States have elected to give him - two more years.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down



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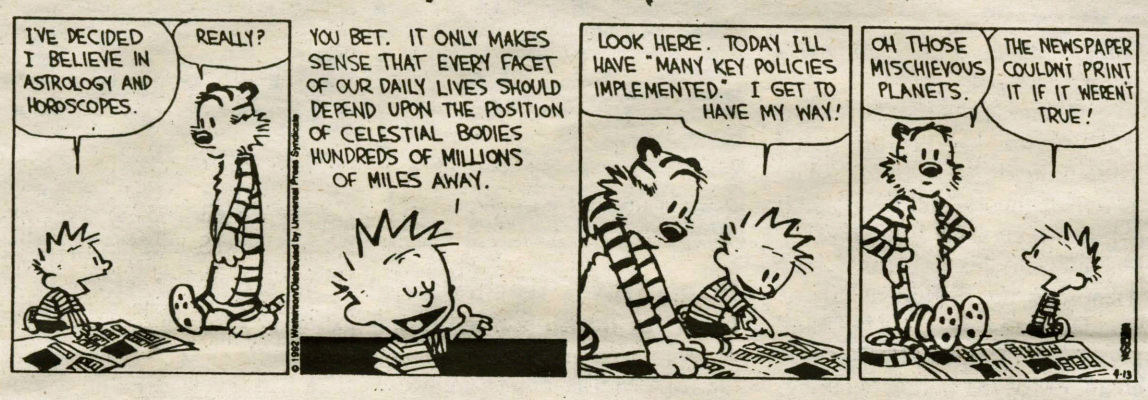
Yellow, Orange & Red leaves in August

Classifieds

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson


I'VE DECIDED I BELIEVE IN ASTROLOGY AND HORDSCOPES.
REALLY?
YOU BET. IT ONLY MAKES SENSE THAT EVERY FACET OF OUR DAILY LIVES SHOULD DEPEND UPON THE POSITION OF CELESTIAL BODIES HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF MILES AWAY.
LOOK HERE. TODAY I'LL HAVE "MANY KEY POLICIES IMPLEMENTED." I GET TO HAVE MY WAY!
OH THOSE MISCHIEVOUS PLANETS.
THE NEWSPAPER COULDN'T PRINT IT IF IT WEREN'T TRUE!
MY HOROSCOPE SAYS, "TURN-ABOUT MEANS CIRCUMSTANCES IN YOUR FAVOR. ASSERT VIEWS IN CONFIDENT MANNER. LUNAR CYCLE HIGH, MANY OF YOUR KEY POLICIES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED."
ISN'T THAT GREAT? TODAY I'M FATED TO GET MY WAY! THE HEAVENS DECREE IT!
SO WHAT ARE YOUR "KEY POLICIES?"
FIRST, OBVIOUSLY, IS "DON'T DO HOMEWORK." C'MON, LETS GO OUT AND PLAY!
HERE COMES YOUR MOM AND IT LOOKS LIKE SHE HAS A BONE TO PICK WITH THE MOON.
HA! WATCH ME ASSERT MY VIEWS IN A CONFIDENT MANNER!
YOUR MOM DIDN'T CARE MUCH ABOUT THE LUNAR SANCTION OF YOUR NO-HOMEWORK POLICY, DID SHE?
HMPH.
WELL, MY HOROSCOPE SAID "MANY KEY POLICIES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED," NOT ALL OF THEM. BESIDES, IT SAYS TO EXPECT A TURNABOUT IN MY FAVOR. MOM WILL RELENT NEXT TIME FOR SURE.
WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER KEY POLICIES THEN?
NO BATHS, STAY UP LATE, DON'T GO TO SCHOOL... THESE ARE THE ONES THAT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.
MAYBE THE ASTROLOGER WAS LOOKING THROUGH THE WRONG END OF THE TELESCOPE.
C'MON MOON, DO YOUR STUFF!

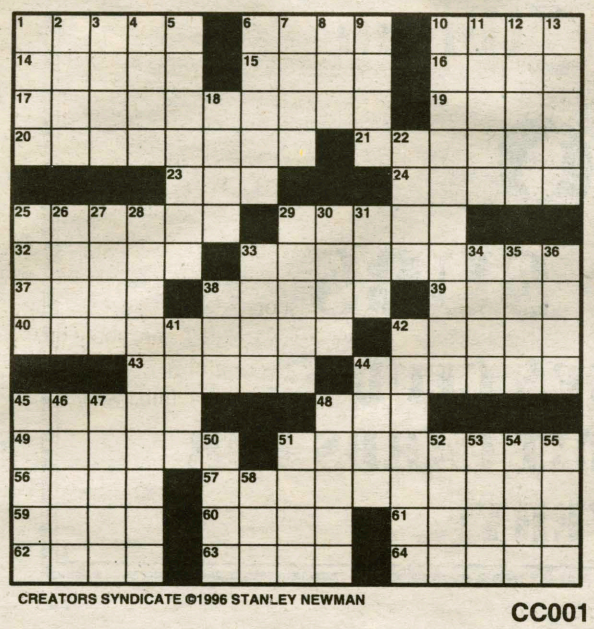
CROSSWORD

Campus Crossword

SPRING FEVER by Gerald R. Ferguson
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
1 __ in (collapsed)
6 Startling success
10 Athlete, slangily
14 Give __ berth to (avoid)
15 *Born Free* beast
16 Wrinkled fruit
17 Romantic precipice
19 Stew ingredient
20 Certain shirts
21 French physicist
23 "How was __ know?"
24 "__ clear as mud!"
25 Big parties
29 Imitative
32 __ nothing (extreme alternatives)
33 Restaurant
37 Flier's stunt
38 Darken
39 Revolutionary War general
40 Kind of drilling or shipping
42 Type of mattress
43 Consumed
44 Songbird
45 Total anew
48 Sonny's sibling
49 Gladdens
51 Enchantresses
56 Ruler before Galba
57 Attack, as a cat
59 "Help!," to Henri
60 Pittypat or Polly
61 Playwright Bernard
62 Dryer dust
63 Small band
64 To the point

DOWN
1 Young yak
2 GI offense
3 __ *Zapata!*
4 Anthony or Barbara
5 __ cri (latest fashion)
6 Casals' instrument
7 Flamenco accolades
8 Dos Passos trilogy
9 Bear with a hard bed
10 Go before "go!"
11 Double-curve moldings
12 Bow or Barton
13 Wind-powered toys
18 Tennis units
22 Failed attempt
25 Hairless
26 Spiny plant
27 Plumlike fruit
28 Got going
29 *Enoch* __ (Tennyson opus)
30 Twosome
31 Doctrine
33 __ noire
34 Pro __
35 Inventor Sikorsky
36 Counting-out word
38 Cricket tool
41 Walk in water
42 Like a race winner
44 Initials for Clinton
45 Of the kidneys
46 Resin used as incense
47 Duelist Burr
48 __ Domingo
50 Falling-out
51 Kind of bond, for short
52 Hold sway
53 On __ with (equal to)
54 Pea holders
55 Old blade
58 __ *Town* (Wilder play)



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- John Fantauzzi '99

"Well, I bet the ladies are breaking down your door."
- Irene Agriodimas '01

"I am Evil Homer, I am Evil Homer..."
(repeated over and over for half an hour)
-Jack Spangler '00

On the subject of arranging one's dorm room:
"You don't want to put your bed next to the wall, because you'll come home really drunk, take off all your clothes, and go to sleep, and when you wake up, your butt's stuck to the wall."
- Chris MacPherson '00

Personals

Hey Fan Man,
"What are you gonna do when Hulkamania runs all over you?"
- The Lovely Ladies of North

Agent Number 9 and the 'Vive,
Swing by my place tonight and we'll eat some cheesy poofs and clear our throats.
- the other one

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MOVIE REVIEW

Studio 54 C

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Salma Hayek reaches for glory in *Studio 54*, Hollywood's most recent high-paced, disco drama.

by Kathy Hess '99
EDITORIAL CARTOONIST

It is truly the most painful thing in the world to be beautiful. At least according to the characters in *Studio 54*, the latest in the current string of Disco-era related dramas. First of all, when you are beautiful, you are let you into clubs where you can have as many drugs, as much sex, and as much dancing with an attitude as you want (editor's note: and that's a bad thing?). The catch is that no one will appreciate you for your mind or who you *really* are. That is the main character Shane O'Shea's problem in the film, so you can imagine how interesting the plot gets.

Shane O'Shea (Ryan Phil lippe: *I Know What You Did Last Summer*) begins by providing a background of the late seventies in a very stilted Jersey accent. A lot of this movie is about being from New Jersey. According to the film, if you are a young teenager in the late seventies, there is nothing of any interest in Jersey and your friends are probably hicks.

So Shane goes to Studio 54 in New York to try and meet Julie Black (Neve Campbell: *Wild Things*), his favorite Soap Opera actress.

Shane looks like a human-Hollywood version of Michelangelo's *David*. The owner of the club, Steve Rubell (Mike Meyers: *Austin Powers*), lets him in, leaving his Jersey friends on the pavement. Shane wanders through the club, and takes in the garishness, the costumes of the people dancing, the drugs, the drinking, the sex in the balcony, and decides he wants a job as a busboy here. The movie makes a point on many occasions that the club was a welcome place for the famous and the average Joe alike, and as long as you were beautiful, that held true.

Shane becomes a big success at the 54, and tries to help out his new friends Anita (Salma Hayek: *Desperado*), and Greg Rrandazzo (Breckin Meyer: *The Craft*). Anita is a hat-check girl who wants to be a singer, Greg is a busboy who wants to be a bartender. The big thing that most of the characters struggle with is deciding how far they are willing to go sexually in order to get ahead in their careers.

Having a career is an interesting issue in the movie because, aside from Anita who wants to be a singer, no one is clear about what they want. One of the characters, Shane's teacher so -to- speak, comments to Shane that he needs to see what he wants and go after it.

Neve Campbell is in the movie for something like ten or fifteen minutes, and does her *Party of Five* best to thrill Shane. Mike Meyers, does a good job playing a real person rather than a parody of one. Heather Matarazzo (*Welcome to the Dollhouse*) is the spirited, unattractive, Jersey -- sister of Shane. She is his only family connection. Ellen Albertini Dow (the old woman in *The Wedding Singer*) plays Disco Dottie, once again the innocent grandmother type who does and says quite unexpected things (look, people older than fifty can curse!), which gets old fast, but is interesting.

The movie often states that the club is both horribly corrupt place to work, and that it feels like a family. Despite the fact that Steve hurts and uses everyone around him, he is welcomed back into the fold, and is greatly admired when the club falls apart.

Had the movie explored either of those issues, or any issue, rather than trying to let the flashiness of it's people be all you needed to see in order to appreciate their depth, the film would have been much more interesting and much less shallow than it currently is.

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Blues Traveler to perform at the Stanley

by Jessica Hunt '01
A&E COLUMNIST

On Thursday October 8, Blues Traveler, a popular band hailing from Princeton, NJ, will play for students, faculty, and guests at the Stanley Performing Arts Center in Utica. Best known for their 1994 album *Four*, featuring the two Top 10 singles, "Run Around," and "Hook," the band captivates fans with their live performance.

Friends since high school, the groups four members, Brendan Hill, Chan Kinchla, Bob Sheehan, and of course, lead singer and harmonica player John Popper, got their big break in 1992 when Popper started the H.O.R.D.E. Festival, now one of the top US summer tours. Their most recent album, *Straight On Till Morning*, which was released last summer, sheds new light on the quartet's depth of writing and solid performance.

Tickets for October's performance go on sale for students next Wed., September 9, at 10 AM, and for employees on Mon., September 14, at the Bristol Campus Center. Reserved tickets are $15 (with a current Hamilton ID), and all purchases are limited to two tickets per ID.

Sponsored by CAB and the Hamilton College Student Assembly, transportation will be provided for students to and from the show. Payment for tickets is cash or check only, and purchases must be made in person.

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For The Week Of Sept. 4 - 10

by The Mysterious Q
A&E ASTROLOGER

Virgo
(August 24-September 23)
You're all in shape and ready to make your mark this year, aren't you Virgo? Don't get too out of control! This year looks like a good one for you Virgo, scandal free and everything. Be sure and wake up before noon at least three days a week and all will be well. Your lucky piece of furniture is: a sofa.

Libra
(September 24-October 23)
Living in a strange environment will bring you good times, Libra. Despite a bit of a chaotic start, this year you will be stellar. Enjoy yourself and the fun will come right to you. Your lucky appliance is: a microwave.

Scorpio
(October 24-November 22)
Did you become more serious this summer, Scorpio? Don't be surprised when people seem shocked at your new found level of commitment, some never thought you had it in you. Your lucky store is: a health food store.

Sagittarius
(November 23-December 21)
Welcome back Sagittarius! The summer brought you back to this world but nothing can quite prepare you for what the Hill has to offer. Despite any attempts to let this year be both smooth and controversy free, it's not in your stars. Beware of project partners. Your lucky light is: a broken one.

Capricorn
(December 22-January 20)
Crazy adventure voyages are a part of your life, Capricorn. The moon is in your house and you will be equipped to handle even the most absurd situation. Your lucky toy is: a boomerang.

Aquarius
(January 21-February 19)
Deciding to take the tough guy approach this year, huh Aquarius? Well, don't let people judge you too soon. Your talents will be taking you to new heights this year, give it your all. Your lucky singer is: Yaz.

Pisces
(February 20-March 20)
Although you water babies are crying for the water, your time here on dry land won't be too dissappointing. Although you may be somwhat frustrated with the class schedule you are undertaking, things will be changing soon. Your lucky line is: the stirfry one.

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
The sun isn't gone for good yet, Aries. Although this year will definitely be different than last year, it does not mean it will be a bad one. You will be busy, but isn't that what you truly want? Your lucky politician is: President Clinton.

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)
The bull within you is keeping you running, Taurus. Although you may be frustrated by the unpredictable course it is taking you on, deep down you know it is for the best. Your lucky material is: wood.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)
Already have your eye on someone, Gemini? Doesn't take you too long to fall in love. But give it a little bit of time, isn't the chase often more fun then the reality anyways? You will overcome any challenge in your path. Your lucky country is: Venezuela.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
No two days are exactly alike, Cancer. Keep this in mind as the days pass by. I know you tend to let yourself get distracted by your thoughts, try to change that a bit. Be on the lookout for decision makers, you alone know the answers for your problems. Your lucky role is: DJ.

Leo
(July 23-August 23)
Is your latest mission to be a porn star, Leo? It seems that way to many onlookers. Be aware that others have serious impressions of all of your actions. I'm not saying be something you aren't, just be careful. Your lucky sandwich is: peanut butter and jelly.

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Artist/Author books exhibit opens in Emerson Gallery

by Darcy Lewis '02
A&E COLUMNIST

Hamilton College's Emerson Gallery is currently presenting the exhibition *Artist/Author: Contemporary Artists' Books*. The traveling exhibit, organized by the American Federation of Arts, which runs from August 31 to October 18, presents the work of a wide range of international contemporary artists who make books as works of art.

This exhibition is unusual in that it encourages the viewer to get a hands-on experience. People are free to browse through the great array of artists' books in a museum setting. The purpose of this wonderful exhibition is to explore the various approaches these authors have taken in producing their works of art. Well-known artists in the exhibition include William Wegman, John Baldessari, Sol LeWitt, Nan Goldin, Jenny Holzer, and Rosemarie Trockel.

The contemporary artists' book idea began in the 1960's as a sort of portable exhibit of an artist's performance art. The fact that producing books as works of art was so inexpensive helped the new art form progress because artists were always looking for easier ways to bring their ideas to a broad public. The Artist/Author exhibit will demonstrate how the definition of the artist's book has expanded in the last 15 years, and how the artisitic sensibility has penetrated the mainstream as the line between art and commercial design has narrowed.

Some books in the exhibit are straightforward and sincere, such as Barbara Kruger's, *Remote Control: Power, Cultures, and the World of Appearences*, which is a collection of Kruger's essays with a front cover she designed in her signature artistic style. Other books are simply pictures and the artist lets the viewer probe for the meaning. Still others are a mixture of art and literature.

I particularly enjoyed Speculations, by Ken Lun. The author places a picture with an everyday question about the picture that I often ask myself when I look at other people. Questions like, 'Who is he talking to?" or 'What are her dreams for her child?.' Speculations invites one to consider about what other people are thinking and feeling.

Another work entitled "The Jeff Koons Handbook", by Jeff Koons, brings the viewer into Koons' own thought processes and the meanings behind the visual pieces in the book. Koons explains why he used the mediums he did, and what overall feeling he was trying to accomplish with the piece. It was very interesting and insightful. There is a great variety of books to browse and one might have to return more than once to absorb it all.

There will be a Panel Discussion on Saturday, September 12 at 3:00 pm in the Hub at the Bristol Campus Center, as well as the Exhibition Reception on the same day from 4:30 to 6:30pm in the Gallery. Artist David Greenberger will discuss his shining career in an Artist's Talk, Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 4:15pm in Christian A. Johnson Hall.

Another Artist's Talk will be given the following Wednesday in the same room and time, by John Freyer, who is a '95 graduate of Hamiton College. On October 17, 3:OO to 5:OOpm, Hamilton students' own books and publications will be available for a special presentation.

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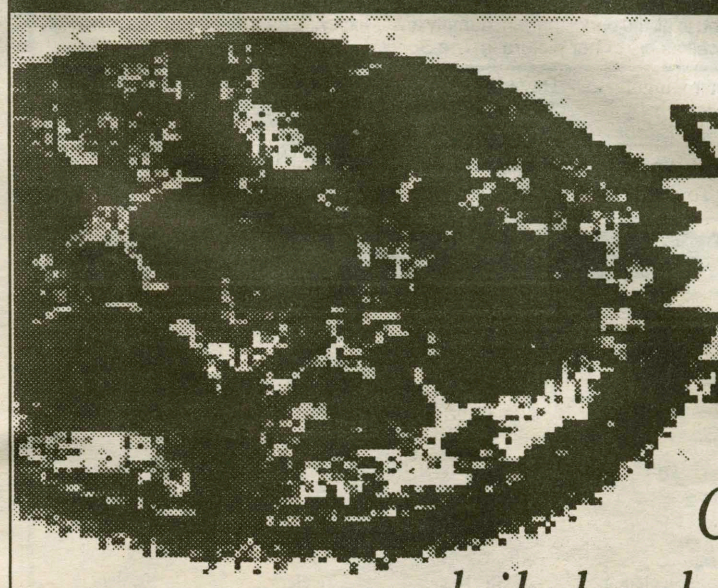

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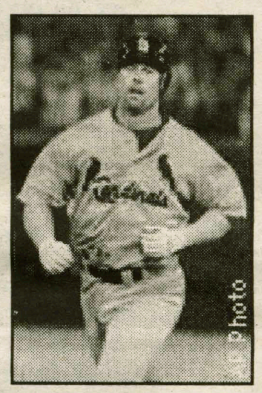
Tues. Sep 8									LeMoyne 4 pm
Wed. Sep 9									
Thur. Sep 10								Suny-U&R 7 pm	
Fri. Sep 11		Skidmore 4 pm			Potsdam 4:30 pm				William Smith 4 pm

Indicates Home Game Indicates Away Game

McGwire, Sosa & Tyson

Dave Bolger
A View From The Bleachers

This "Chasing History" stuff has gone too far. I know, I know, 61 is one of those immortal numbers. But come on, a mini-series on ESPN? Do we really need to know what happens to the ball? How many times do we need to see post-game comments from Mac and Sosa?



You know those post game interviews, the ones where McGwire says he just wants to help his team win and Sosa says McGwire is going to break the record and that he just wants to make the post season. Do we need to keep seeing this stuff? The only thing we don't know is what the two players eat for breakfast.

While the eating habits of McGwire and Sosa haven't been explored, just about everything else has been, and it's time to stop. Let these two athletes hit their homeruns, and when they break the record (and they BOTH will) let us salute them and move on.

Don't get me wrong, I think what the two of them are doing is amazing. I think it is by far the best thing that has happened to baseball in a long time. It is great for the game and its fun to watch. I myself get caught up in the "Chase" from time to time.

I tune in to ESPN to find out who hit homers and how many more they have to go. In fact, I, more than anyone, want Big Mac to break the record. Having grown up a Cardinals fan (my love for the team dates back to the days of the White Rat and Darrell Porter) nothing pleases me more that seeing that giant of a man in a Cardinals uniform hitting the bombs he does.

But what I don't take pleasure in is a 15 minute in depth analysis on McGwire getting thrown out of a game. In the baseball world it is well known that you never argue balls and strikes. If you do, you get tossed. That's what happened with Mac. He is not bigger than the game just because he has a bunch of homeruns. Fans and media alike must realize that no motter how many homeruns he hits, Mark McGwire is a small part of something much bigger. And shame on those fans that booed the umpire for doing his job.

This is what has resulted because of "the chase." McGwire and Sosa have become more important than the game. Sammy Sosa is in the middle of a playoff race, and a damn good one. But how many average fans know that?

The NY Yankees are having one of the greatest seasons in baseball history but that's never a cover story. Where's the mini-series on that?

There are too many great things going on this season to concentrate on two players. Let's sit back and enjoy the whole season, not just a part of it.

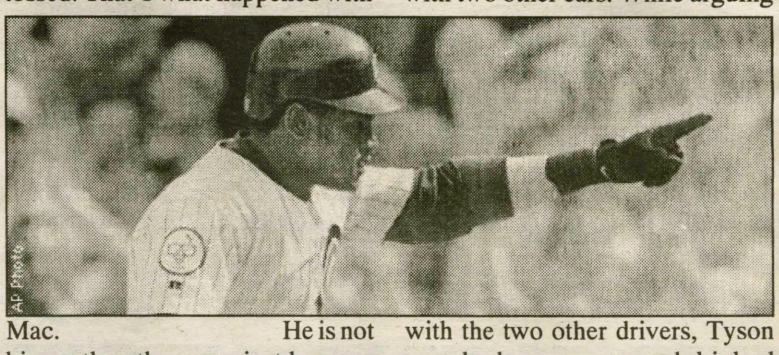
What is the matter with Mike Tyson? His whole life is boxing. Isn't that what he told the world after he went to jail for sexually assaulting a woman? Give him another chance he asked. He just wants to box.

We gave him that chance. It even looked like we made the right decision. He won back a championship and was on his way becoming the undisputed champ again. Then he did his Hannibal Lector impression.

After biting Evander Holifield, Tyson was banned from boxing, but this summer asked for another chance. He had his family and friends tell the New Jersey Athletic Commission that he was sorry and that he should be given his license back.

Some might have even felt sorry for Tyson, but then he opened his mouth. He yelled and cursed at the board that was to decided his fate. Knowing that he made yet another mistake, Tyson decided to not wait for a decision and withdrew his application. In three weeks he will go to Nevada to tell them he is REALLY sorry. But how many times can we forgive this man? One would think that if boxing was his life and he truly wanted his license back, he would at least keep his nose clean until the hearing. But even that is difficult for Tyson.

Earlier this week he and his wife were involved a car accident with two other cars. While arguing with the two other drivers, Tyson punched one man and kicked another and had to be restrained by his bodyguards. This has to be the absolute last straw. Mike Tyson should never be allowed to box again.



He has proved time and time again that he is unable to control his anger. In his line of work, that could prove to be fatal. Who knows what he'll do next.

Hopefully the Nevada Athletic Commission agrees.

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our chillingly handsome Sports Editors, Elliott and Peter, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.

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Washington at NJ Giants 9/6	Redskins	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants
NY Jets at San Francisco 9/6	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	Jets
Tennesse at Cinncinatti 9/6	Bengals	Oilers	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals
Detroit at Green Bay 9/6	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers
Pittsburgh at Baltimore 9/6	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
New England at Denver 9/7	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Patriots	Broncos
MLB					
NY Yankees at Chicago WSox 9/5	Yanks	Yanks	Yanks	White Sox	Yanks
Minnesota at Texas 9/5	Rangers	Rangers	Twins	Rangers	Twins
Atlanta at NY Mets 9/5	Braves	Mets	Braves	Braves	Braves
San Diego at Colorado 9/5	Padres	Padres	Padres	Rockies	Rockies
San Francisco at Los Angeles 9/5	Dodgers	Dodgers	Giants	Dodgers	Dodgers
Cleveland at Detroit 9/5	Indians	Indians	Indians	Indians	Indians

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NFL Predictions by the *Spectator* sports staff

	Elliott Nix	Peter Ringel	Dave Bolger
AFC East:	**Jets**	**Dolphins**	**Patriots**
AFC Central:	**Jaguars**	**Jaguars**	**Jaguars**
AFC West:	**Raiders**	**Chiefs**	**Chiefs**
NFC East:	**Redskins**	**Redskins**	**Giants**
NFC Central:	**Buccaneers**	**Packers**	**Packers**
NFC West:	**49ers**	**49ers**	**49ers**
AFC Wildcard:	**Chiefs, Steelers, Patriots**	**Broncos, Steelers, Oilers**	**Jets, Broncos, Steelers**
NFC Wildcard:	**Vikings, Packers, Lions**	**Vikings, Giants, Buccaneers**	**Lions, Vikings, Redskins**
AFC Champ:	**Raiders**	**Chiefs**	**Broncos**
NFC Champ:	**Packers**	**49ers**	**Packers**
Super Bowl Champs:	**Packers**	**49ers**	**Broncos**

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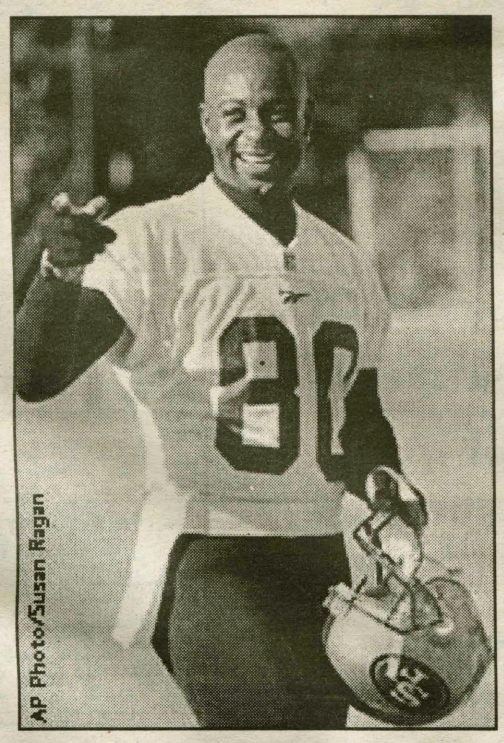
Chiefs, 49ers to play in Super Bowl XXXIII

by Peter Ringel '01
SPORTS EDITOR

The Broncos, Packers, Jaguars, and 49ers are four of the favorites to win the NFL Championship this season. The Broncos, who won last year's Super Bowl, have a good shot to win it again. In a year when both the AFC and NFC are weak, anything is possible and some publications such as *Sports Illustrated* are predicting the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (of all teams) to win the Super Bowl. That will not happen—but this season will definitely have some surprises.

In the NFC, the Packers still have the best player in the league in Brett Favre. The Green Bay offense is still dangerous, while their defense remains one of the league's best. However, the Packers defense did show some signs of weakness in last year's Super Bowl loss against the Broncos. The Packers play in the NFL's strongest division and winning their own division will not be easy.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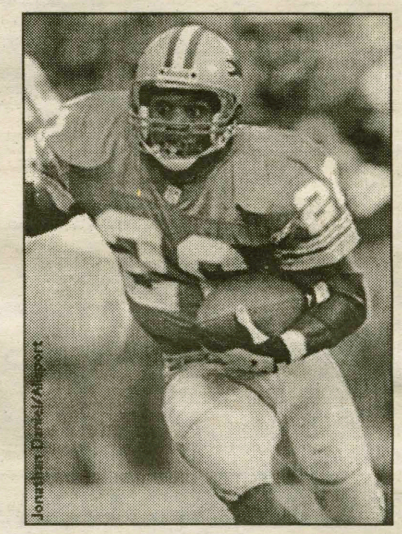
The Packers biggest challenge in the Central should come from the Minnesota Vikings who possess offensive talent that is unmatched around the league. Running back Robert Smith, one of the most underrated players in the league at his position, will have another phenomenal year and help quarterback Brad Johnson who has transformed into an above average passer. Johnson's success is due in large part to Smith, but also to Minnesota's excellent receivers Cris Carter, Jake Reed, and rookie Randy Moss. The Vikings defense leaves something to be desired, but the team should make the playoffs and could make some noise in post-season play.

The Buccaneers are a good bet to make the playoffs with their stalwart defense and up and coming offense. The Bucs will live and die this season with quarterback Trent Dilfer who has been terrible this pre-season and has yet to demonstrate that he can be effective in big games. And of course every year the Lions tease fans with an offense that should be among the league's best, but fails to consistently score points despite the presence of Barry Sanders and Herman Moore. Detroit will definitely be in most of its games, but like the Buccaneers, their success will depend on their quarterback, Scott Mitchell.

The 49ers still are one of the league's best teams. Despite losing Kevin Greene, Dana Stubblefield, and Rod Woodson, San Francisco still has one of the league's premier defenses. The defense is phenomenal, but their offense is even better. Quarterback Steve Young, wide receivers Terrell Owens and J.J. Stokes, and running back Garrison Hearst are rejoined by the best receiver in NFL history, Jerry Rice. The 49ers are simply awesome.

In the AFC, the defending champion Broncos return virtually the same team that won last year's Super Bowl. If they can replace retired left tackle Gary Zimmerman, and keep their aging roster healthy then they may repeat as Super Bowl Champions. The Jaguars will make a strong push to make their first Super Bowl. With a phenomenal offense, including quarterback Mark Brunell, wide receivers Jimmy Smith and Keenan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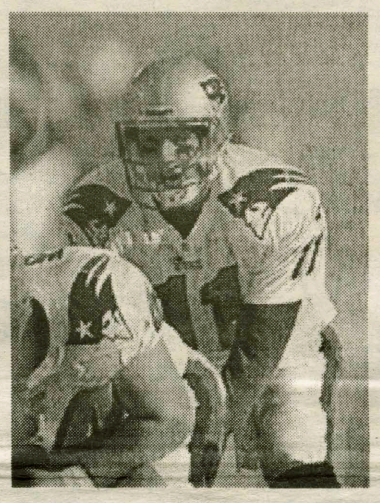
McCardell, and running back James Stewart, Jacksonville may lead the league in scoring. But you have to be a little circumspect when eyeing their defense. Despite the addition of linebacker Bryce Paup from Buffalo, the defense still needs work.



The Chiefs will be hard to beat in the AFC. Their defense is impenetrable. Last season the Chiefs had nine time All-Pro linebacker Derrick Thomas and perhaps the league's best pair of cornerbacks in James Hasty and Dale Carter. This season, coach Marty Schottenheimer added Pro-Bowl defensive linemen Chester McGlockton and Leslie O'Neal.

The question on everyone's mind: Can the Chiefs run the ball effectively? After Marcus Allen's retirement and Greg Hill's departure to the Rams, the Chiefs are left with a below average running game. But Kansas City's passing game is impressive and that should open up the run. Running backs Donnell Bennett and Kimble Anders will provide enough of a ground game to keep defenses honest. The passing game is very underrated. Quarterback Elvis Grbac is much improved, and he has many capable targets. Wide receiver Andre Rison is always dangerous, as is Tamarick Vanover and with the addition of free agent receiver Derrick Alexander from the Ravens, Kansas City's offense will be tough for opposing defenses to stop.

In a season which should be full of surprises, it is hard to predict almost anything. But on January 31st in Miami, Super Bowl XXXIII will be played. The result, it says here, will be a San Francisco 49ers 24-17 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.

New coach, new strategy, new season

by L.D. Platt '01
SPORTS WRITER

The men's soccer team at Hamilton College is looking to improve from last season's 7-3-4 record. They are led by new coach Perry Nizzi, starting his first year at Hamilton.

Coach Nizzi will look for leadership from his three senior captains: Brian Barker (GK), Ted Comerford (F), and Peter Montgomery (Sweeper). "This team has a lot of maturity and that should help carry them through the season," stated Coach Nizzi.

"I think as a team we have set minor goals early in the season, and we want to definitely see improvement, maybe even possibly the first NCAA bid in a long while for Hamilton," Coach Nizzi remarked. These goals seem entirely reachable due to a strong nucleus of returnees and upper classmen.

The Continentals have eight seniors, six juniors, and a strong group of sophomores and freshmen. "Having older experienced players is key to our success as a team because we have players that will not fold under pressure and will get the job done when needed," said Nizzi. Brian Barker, senior goalkeeper, said, " We definitely want to improve over last season, beat the teams we tied. Our first goal, though, is to beat Middlebury and I think we have a good shot at that."

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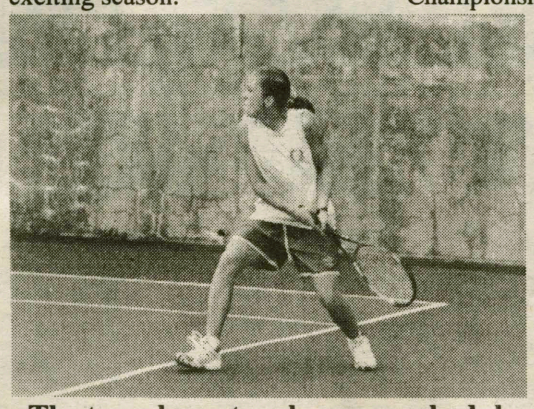
With versatility and a plethora of outstanding athletes it will be hard for any of the Continentals' opponents to mark any one player. The Continentals have the advantage that will lead to not only a successful season but a NCAA bid. They will face Middlebury on September 12th.

Future bright for women's tennis
Seniors hit hard this season

by Elizabeth Crispino '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton Women's Tennis team is looking forward to an exciting season.


The team has a tough season schedule.

Under the tutelage of Coach Bill Austin, the women are getting ready for their first match September 8 at LeMoyne. The team consists of a solid core of returning players combined with the youthful talent of three first-years.

Seniors Courtney Dane, Jenny Scharfeld and Emma McLaren look to lead this enthusiastic group of hard-hitters. Coach Austin looks to the top two players from last season, Jessica Li Shih '01 and Eileen Wildman '01, to continue their winning ways.

Austin said when asked about the season, "If everybody stays healthy, we should do well. Skidmore will be a very tough team, as the 1997 Division III National Championships, and Rochester also is a good team with solid players. Although we don't play either of those teams in dual matches, we will see both of them in the UCAA Championships at William Smith."

The team's season will be geared toward the UCAA Championships and the State Championships.

So far in the preseason, Coach Austin says that, "people have been hitting well, we have been getting back into shape and we are going to be having challenge matches for the rest of the week to determine the line-up for the season and the doubles teams."

The team's first home match is Saturday, September 12 versus Nazareth College.

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